

Remarks

Applicants submit herewith a Terminal Disclaimer to overcome the stated non-statutory double patenting rejection of claims 13, 18, 23, 24, 29, 32 and 35 over claims 1-3 of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,108,689. This Terminal Disclaimer, signed by the attorney of record, is submitted without acquiescing to the propriety of the rejection stated.

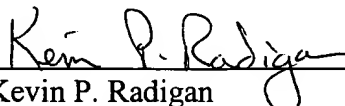
Claims 13, 14, 16-19, 21-25, 27-29 and 31-36 remain pending in this application. This response is to address the remaining objection to claims 13, 18, 23, 24, 29, 32 and 35, under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting. As noted above, Applicants respectfully request entry of the Terminal Disclaimer submitted herewith and withdrawal of the non-statutory double patenting rejection to claims 13, 18, 23, 24, 29, 32 and 35 in view of commonly assigned U.S. Patent No. 6,108,689.

Applicants hereby authorize payment of the 37 C.F.R. §1.20(d) Disclaimer Fee of \$110.00 from Applicants' deposit account no. 09-0463. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed.

In view of the submission of the enclosed Terminal Disclaimer, the application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any questions concerning this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' undersigned representative.

Respectfully submitted,



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